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CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN HAITI AND THE UNITED STATESEO 12958 3.4(b)(1)>2
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1. JUDGING FROM CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH FRANCOIS DUVALIER, PRESIDENT OF HAITI, AS OF [REDACTED] JUNE 1964, [REDACTED] DUVALIER BELIEVES HE HAS PASSED THE CRISIS IN REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. DUVALIER FEELS HE IS GAINING GROUND IN HIS DOMINATION OF UNITED STATES-HAITIAN RELATIONS. HE HAS SAID THAT, WHEREAS THE DESIRED TERMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED, WITHIN A YEAR OR A YEAR AND A HALF HE WILL HAVE THE AMERICANS POURING A REGULAR CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS INTO THE HAITIAN TREASURY AND GUARANTEEING HIS LEADERSHIP. BY THAT TIME, DUVALIER CONTINUED, HE WILL NO LONGER PLAY AT BEING PRESIDENT AND CAN ASSUME HIS NATURAL POSITION AS EMPEROR OF HAITI.

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2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING JULY THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS IN THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: CABINET CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED ON 18 JULY 1964.) THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGE WILL BE TO INTRODUCE INTO THE CABINET MINISTERS WHO ARE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS SUBSTITUTION WILL, IN TURN, FAVORABLY INFLUENCE THE UNITED STATES TO APPROVE STRONGER ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF DUVALIER.

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3. [REDACTED]

A. THE UNITED STATES WILL SUCCUMB TO DUVALIER'S BLACKMAIL, AND THEREFORE THE SOVIET UNION AND BLOC COUNTRIES DO NOT ANTICIPATE THE NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING DUVALIER. IF DUVALIER DOES SWING TO THE LEFT, HOWEVER, SUPPORT BY THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES CAN BE WORKED OUT, EVEN THOUGH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES MIGHT DIFFER OVER HAITI'S POSITION IN THE BLOC.

B. THE SOVIETS DO NOT WISH THE HAITIAN PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN THE COMECON (THE COMMUNIST EQUIVALENT OF THE WEST'S COMMON MARKET), BECAUSE OF THE DISSENSION IT MIGHT AROUSE IN THE RANKS.

C. DUVALIER REALIZES HE CAN USE HIS CAPTIVE PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES IN INFLUENCING THE UNITED STATES; AND, IN RETURN FOR DUVALIER'S NOT TURNING SOCIALIST OR ABUSING HIS PEOPLE, THE UNITED STATES WILL UNDERWRITE BOTH THE BASIC COSTS OF THE HAITIAN ECONOMY AND THE ADDED COST OF DUVALIER'S PERSONAL

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NEEDS. THE HAITIAN OVERT BUDGET IS \$9,000,000.00, AND THE COVERT BUDGET USED IN MAINTAINING DUVALIER IN OFFICE IS \$12,000,000.00. WITHIN A FEW YEARS THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERT BUDGETARY NEEDS WILL RISE TO \$20,000,000.00.

D. DUVALIER IS DEVELOPING HIS MILITARY STRENGTH TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT WITHIN A YEAR DUVALIER'S OVERTHROW BY HIS OWN FOLLOWERS, OR BY EXILES SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE. ONCE THIS FORCE IS OF SUFFICIENT SIZE AND STRENGTH, AUTOMATIC OBEDIENCE FROM THE HAITIAN PEOPLE WILL BE ASSURED.

E. POLICE-STATE TACTICS HAVE REDUCED THE HAITIAN ECONOMY TO AN ALL TIME LOW WHICH WILL NEVER AGAIN RISE WHILE DUVALIER REMAINS IN POWER. THERE WILL BE NO REVIVAL OF TOURISM TO THE DANGEROUS ISLAND; AND, SINCE THERE ARE NO INDUSTRIAL OR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE ECONOMY CAN ONLY SINK LOWER.

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY (PORT-AU-PRINCE); CINCLANT; CINCSO.

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